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### Bills and Notes

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### X. Discharge of Obligation

#### A. In General

## § 343. Discharge of obligation on negotiable instrument, generally

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### West's Key Number Digest

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### Treatises and Practice Aids

As to discharge availability, effect, and simple contract discharge, see Lawrence's Anderson on the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 3 [Rev] Negotiable Instruments [[Westlaw®\(r\): Search Query](#)]

### Forms

Forms relating to discharge by agreement, see Am. Jur. Pleading and Practice Forms, Commercial Code [[Westlaw®\(r\) Search Query](#)]

The Uniform Commercial Code is the exclusive means by which obligations under negotiable instruments may be discharged.<sup>1</sup>

The obligation of a party to pay an instrument is discharged as stated in the Negotiable Instruments Article<sup>2</sup> or by an act or agreement with the party which would discharge an obligation to pay money under a simple contract.<sup>3</sup>

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Footnotes

- 1 [Cumberland Bank v. G & S Implement Co., Inc.](#), 211 S.W.3d 223, 60 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d 736 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2006).  
Discharge of a negotiable instrument such as a promissory note is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. [Haynes v. Dover](#), 17 Neb. App. 640, 768 N.W.2d 140 (2009).
- 2 [U.C.C. §§ 3-101 to 3-605](#).
- 3 [U.C.C. § 3-601\(a\)](#) (2002 Rev).  
As to discharge where an instrument is taken for an underlying obligation, see [§ 117](#).  
As to acts which discharge a simple contract for the payment of money, see [§ 349](#).  
As to discharge by payment of an instrument, see §§ [351](#) to [365](#).  
As to discharge by impairment of recourse or collateral, see §§ [369](#) to [383](#).

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